



wherein R₄ represents an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having from 8 to 22 carbon atoms, R₂ and R₃ represent (CH₂)_s-R₅ where R₅ represents an alkoxy carbonyl group containing from 8 to 22 carbon atoms, benzyl, phenyl, (C₁-C₄) – alkyl substituted phenyl, OH or H; R₁ represents (CH₂)_t-R₆ where R₆ represents benzyl, phenyl, (C₁-C₄) – alkyl substituted phenyl, OH or H; q, s, and t, each independently, represent an integer from 1 to 3; and X⁻ is a softener compatible anion;

(b) at least 0.001%, by weight, of a water soluble cross-linked cationic polymer derived from the polymerization of from 5 to 100 mole percent of a cationic vinyl addition monomer, from 0 to 95 mole percent of acrylamide, and from 70 to 300 ppm of a difunctional vinyl addition monomer cross-linking agent; and

(c) a perfume.

Claim 21 (new) The fabric softening composition of claim 20, wherein said cationic polymer is derived from said polymerization using 75 to 200 ppm of said cross-linking agent.

Claim 22 (new) The fabric softening composition of claim 21, wherein said cationic polymer is derived from said polymerization using 80 to 150 ppm of said cross-linking agent.

Claim 23 (new) The fabric softening composition of claim 20, wherein said cationic polymer is a cross-linked cationic vinyl polymer.

Claim 24 (new) The fabric softening composition of claim 23, wherein said polymer comprises a quaternary ammonium salt of an acrylate or methacrylate.

Claim 25 (new) The fabric softening composition of claim 24 wherein said polymer comprises a quaternary ammonium salt of dimethyl aminoethyl methacrylate.

Claim 26 (new) The fabric softening composition of claim 20 further including a chelating compounds selected from the group consisting of amino carboxylic acid compounds, organo aminophosphonic acid compounds and mixtures thereof.

Claim 27 (new) The fabric softening composition of claim 25 wherein said chelating compound comprises an amino carboxylic acid compound.

Claim 28 (new) The fabric softening composition of claim 25 wherein said chelating compound comprises an organo aminophosphonic acid compound.

Claim 29 (new) The fabric softening composition of claim 20 which further comprises a perfume.